

**INTERIM LAND ACQUISITION PRIORITY SYSTEM  
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

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**PROJECT SUMMARY**

**A. PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of proposed National Wildlife Refuge unit or addition to an existing Refuge unit. The project could include more than one Refuge if they are biologically similar and administered as a complex.

**Units Within Project:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Units of project must be biologically similar and administered as a complex.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\\_\_\_\_\\_\_\_\_

Enter date of most recent data entry.

**Region:** \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Region for land acquisition.

**Rankable (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_

Enter NO if only project information is included in the LAPS data base for future reference.  
Enter YES if the project will be ranked at the Regional level or submitted to the Washington Office and ranked.

**State:** \_\_\_\_

Enter the appropriate two letter abbreviation. If the project falls in more than one State, enter the State where the majority of project is located first, followed by additional states based on acreage.

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

Proximity to metropolitan area and other pertinent location information. Enter county or parish or other subdivision.

**Congressional Delegation:**

House	District	Senate
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List the names of the members where the project is located.

**Administering Refuge:** \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the appropriate Refuge name only if the project is being proposed as a satellite or addition to an existing refuge. Otherwise enter "same".

**Purpose of Acquisition:** \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the resource objectives of the proposed project.

**Date of Project Approval:** \_\_\_\_\\_\_\_\_\\_\_\_\_

Date of most recent Director's approval of the Preliminary Project Proposal, special legislation, whichever is appropriate. If the Project Approval field is blank, the project will not appear on the Service's ranked list of projects for budgeting.

**Acreage Approved by Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

List acreage approved by Director in last submittal. Enter "0" if no prior approvals exist.

**Acreage When Completed (approved and proposed):** \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the acreage of the proposed acquisition project if the project is not an addition to an existing unit of the Refuge System. Otherwise, enter the total acres of the proposed project plus the acres previously acquired. For example - Enter 1,800 for the newly proposed 1,800-acre Grays Harbor NWR, or enter 42,332 for a 30,133-acre addition to the existing 12,199-acre Brazoria NWR.

**Acres acquired:** \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres have been acquired as of September 30 of the previous year.

**Acres remaining to be acquired:** \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres are remaining (include acreage identified in proposal) in the boundary.

**Degree of Completion:** \_\_\_\_ %

The percentage of the acreage within the approved boundary that has been acquired. Projects nearing completion (> 95%) earn up to 50 bonus points to their Total LAPS (see Project Summary Form, page x). In cases where acquisitions are underway with appropriated funds that are currently being obligated, the remaining acreage to be acquired should be estimated and for the purposes of this factor counted as if they had been acquired.

**IFWS Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Enter assigned IFWS number if applicable. Many times an IFWS number will not be assigned at the early stage of planning when LAPS evaluation occurs.

**USFWS Ecosystem:** \_\_\_\_\_

List the USFWS Ecosystem where the project is located.

**Bailey's Section:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Subsection:** \_\_\_\_\_

Locate and enter the Bailey's Section and/or Subsection listed in the "Ecoregions and subregions of the United States" (Bailey et al., 1994).

**Habitat Restoration (estimated):** \_\_\_\_ %

Estimate the percentage of the project which will involve habitat restoration or a "net gain" (informational only).

**List habitat type(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List the general habitat types and acreage estimates for habitats that will be restored. For example -- 1,500 acres of prairie, 1,000 acres of bottomland forest, and 800 acres of seasonal wetlands.

**Habitat Protection (estimated):** \_\_\_\_ %

Estimate the percentage of the project which will result in the protection of structurally and

functionally sound habitat.

**List habitat type(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

List the general habitat types and acreage estimates. For example -- 2,200 acres of bottomland forest, 1400 acres of backwater lake, and 1,200 acres of seasonal wetlands.

**Principal Project Authorities:**

The legislative authorities for land acquisition. Select all appropriate authorities that apply to the proposed acquisition. Include the original date and citation of special legislation. Some authorities have specific criteria. For example, projects using the authority of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act must meet specific threshold criteria.

- ☐ ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT
- ☐ MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION ACT
- ☐ MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT
- ☐ FISH AND WILDLIFE ACT
- ☐ FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION AREAS ACT
- ☐ RECREATION USE OF CONSERVATION AREAS ACT
- ☐ EMERGENCY WETLANDS RESOURCES ACT
- ☐ ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS CONSERVATION ACT
- SPECIAL LEGISLATION: \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_  
(citation) (date)

**Project Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Provide a brief physical description of the area. Quantify fish and wildlife use of area, include significant use by all wildlife, including resources recognized Nationally or Regionally as important by the Service. List documents or authorities that identify the resource's national significance . For example: Important Bird Area, North American Waterfowl Management Plan, RAMSAR site. Include details of special authorizing legislation, if appropriate. Briefly describe the manner in which the project assists in meeting Service objectives for the project's resources. Limit description to 500 words or less.

**B. ACQUISITION STATUS**

	OWNERSHIPS	ACRES	COST (*1)
ACQUIRED THROUGH FY__	_____	_____	_____

PLANNED FOR CURRENT FY__	_____	_____	_____
PLANNED FOR NEXT FY +1	_____	_____	_____
PLANNED FOR FY +2	_____	_____	_____
PLANNED FOR FY +3	_____	_____	_____
PLANNED FOR FY +4	_____	_____	_____
REMAINING	_____	_____	_____
 TOTAL	 _____	 _____	 _____

\*1/ Includes Incidental Acquisition Costs

**Additional Information:**\_\_\_\_\_

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List other related and important information that would be useful to decision makers.

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\\_\_\_\_\\_\_\_\_

**Region:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rankable (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Senate

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**Acres remaining to be acquired:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree of Completion:** \_\_\_\_\_ %    **Bonus Points (50 points maximum):** \_\_\_\_\_

> 95 percent of the project has been acquired - 50 points  
90 to 94.9 percent of the project has been acquired - 25 points  
80 to 89.9 percent - 10 points  
Last ownership - 50 points

**IFWS Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**USFWS Ecosystem:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bailey's Section:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Subsection:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Habitat Restoration (estimated)** \_\_\_\_\_ %

**List habitat type(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Habitat Protection (estimated)** \_\_\_\_\_ %

**List habitat type(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Project Authorities:**

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PLANNED FOR FY +4	_____	_____	_____
REMAINING	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____

\*1/ Includes Incidental Acquisition Costs

**Additional Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

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